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Major Stiffe (still in a recumbent posture): I'm not, though, d... it. I believe I've broken my leg and several ribs, besides losing half my teeth. (Catches sight of the M.Y.S.) You d... d... young ass. What the blankety blank do you mean by...

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Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	300	6	5700	Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.	Sandakan
Albatross	cruiser, 3rd class	1880	12	3200	Captain W. A. Carter	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,500	16	13,500	Lieut.-Com. H. L. Wall	Wahaiwei
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. J. D. Dalrymple	Wahaiwei
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Vungtse-Kiang
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. G. G. Webster	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. O. W. M. P. P. P.	Nagasaki
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Captain H. F. F. F. F.	Wahaiwei
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. W. H. H. H.	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Amoy
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Com. D. St. A. Wake	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Com. John P. Iron	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. Murray Leckie	West River
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Capt. C. H. H. Moore	Shanghai
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Yokohama
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Captain Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. Robinson	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugan	Yangtze
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Capt. J. A. C. Williams	Hankow
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Forbes	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.C.	Yangtze
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. A. B. Barker	Wahaiwei
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest O. Hardy	Hankow
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	In Reserve	Yangtze
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Yangtze
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Yangtze

* Flag of Admiral Sir Cyrran A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	962	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grunzbecken	Shanghai
Acheron	French gunboat	1736	—	—	Captain Laferrere	Saigon
Albatross	French gunboat	309	—	—	Lieut. A. Varney	Shanghai
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Aspiche	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journe	Saigon
Avallanche	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	3740	29	9000	Capt. Laforce	Saigon
Bugeaud	French cruiser	8918	18	—	Captain V. Poldone	Saigon
Chateaufort	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Lonal	Haiphong
Comete	French gunboat	630	—	—	Commander Gethell	Saigon
Decade	French gunboat	1250	6	2205	Capt. Le Goulet	Hongkong
Kersaint	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécue	Saigon
Lion	French gunboat	9700	12	13,500	Captain Aros	Hongkong
Montcalm	French cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Oly	French gunboat	4015	27	8500	Captain Scott	Hongkong
Paard	French cruiser	1937	8	6071	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Redoubtable	French cruiser	1786	10	—	Capt. Thomas	Saigon
Styx	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain Thomas	Hongkong
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Caillard	Yankee
Taking	French destroyer	—	—	—	Captain Blouin	Saigon
Taken	French cruiser	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Along Bay
Vauhan	French cruiser	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Canton
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—	Co. adr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Vipere	French gunboat	400	4	441	—	—
Bussard	German cruiser	1557	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Shanghai
Fürst Bismarck	German flag ship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Amoy
Gleier	German cruiser	1776	15	—	Comdr. Wuthmann	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	34	10,000	Capt. van Semmen	Yokohama
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	37	10,000	Capt. Ingenohl	Nagasaki
Thia	German gunboat	1070	10	1300	Comdr. Comanderthaler	Shanghai
Laguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Yokohama
Luchs	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Krocke	Amoy
Müwe	German gunboat	1520	15	2800	Comdr. Fesper	Hongkong
Seeadler	German gunboat	1640	15	2800	Comdr. Hoffmann	Nagasaki
Tiger	German cruiser	900	10	1300	Comdr. Schirmer	Foochow
Vergaert	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Weiss	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2442	19	4420	Capt. Castiglia Francesco	Singapore
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Armona	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4500	24	6820	Captain Zoni	Shanghai
Dia	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain F. J. Barboza Lel	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	—	Macao
Albatross	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Amur	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Gramschik	Port Art
Aekold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Reitzenschein	Kobe
Bayarin	Russian gunboat	3290	6	—	—	Port Art
Bobro	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjickovitch	Port Art
Bogatyr	Russian gunboat	6640	12	—	—	Port Art
Diana	Russian cruiser	6751	6	—	—	Port Art
Gaidamat	Russian gunboat	600	9	2500	Comdr. Yorieff	Port Art
Jeremiastch	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Zagarsky	Shanghai
Gromobol	Russian battleship	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Usan	Nagasaki
Gulnik	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Shanghai
Kozets	Russian gunboat	7121	7	1000	Comdr. Norokowsky	Nagasaki
Manjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Commander Murasief	Shanghai
Orvajpy	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasilief	Port Art
Pallada	Russian cruiser	6731	12	—	—	Port Art
Peresviet	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Kroleff	Nagasaki
Petrovsk	Russian battleship	10,890	15	14,500	Capt. Zatsarevich	Port Art
Pobeda	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Osoroff	Port Art
Potsva	Russian cruiser	10,960	10	1786	Comdr. Liton	Kwong
Rosbogyia	Russian battleship	1334	10	1786	—	—
Rozhizan	Russian protected cruiser	12,902	16	16,000	Captain Spalrennief	Vladivostok
Rosita	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	68	17,000	Capt. Maussief	Mamam
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,363	29	13,250	Captain Serenbrunf	Nagasaki
Savastopol	Russian gunboat	10,960	16	16,000	Captain Serenbrunf	Port Art
Selatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanc	Port Art
Sivorch	Russian gunboat	1059	8	1120	Comdr. Ginter	Port Art
Vargap	Russian cruiser	6000	27	20,000	Capt. Bak	Port Art
Viedick	Russian gunboat	1230	15	1394	Comdr. Zaboranoff	Port Art
Zabiyau	Russian cruiser	6280	16	1186	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Art
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3500	—	—	Capt. J. H. Rodgers	Nagasaki
Calao	U. S. cruiser	255	—	—	Lieut. E. A. Anderson	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3913	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Cherif
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	—	1600	Captain Denfeld	Hongkong
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	549	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Helona	U. S. gunboat	1392	2	1955	Captain Stanton	Shanghai
Wentucky	U. S. monitor	11,300	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Berry	Shanghai
Manalozok	U. S. monitor	1570	6	850	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monoway	U. S. gunboat	4034	4	5914	Comdr. Denfeld	Taiko
Montevideo	U. S. monitor	3437	20	—	Comdr. W. H. Beebe	Hongkong
Monterey	U. S. cruiser	10,345	15	—	Comdr. Blockinger	Nagasaki
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3213	—	—	Captain Burwell	Shanghai
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,345	15	—	Captain Nacro	Shanghai
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3000	13	1118	Commander Marshall	Shanghai
Vicksburg	U. S. gunboat	460	—	—	Lieut. L. O. Berckley	Shanghai
Villahobos	U. S. gunboat	1297	5	1364	Comdr. O. R. Martin	Shanghai

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1 p.m.—Insurance Office Close.
9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.

THURSDAY, December 17:
Register of Shares of Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 4th January, 1904, inclusive.
Goods per Kiangtseu undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, December 18:
9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of a Fine Collection of Japanese Art Curios and Emblems, &c., at Mr Geo. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

SATURDAY, December 19:
Transfer Books of The Hongkong High-Land Railway Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 26th inst., inclusive.

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MARRIAGE.

On December 8, at H. B. M. Consulate-General, before Sir Polham Warren, C.M.G., and afterwards at Union Church, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. E. Darwent, W. A. WATKINS REGINALD PARKIN, of FLORENCE DOUGLAS, third daughter of James Hereford Douglas, of Aberdeen, Scotland.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1903.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An Ancient Rhymer on Gas.

Appropos of 'barring' questions before the Supreme Court of the Colony, 'illuminating' remarks on the part of His Honour the Puisne Judge, and 'heated' correspondence in the newspapers, an old friend, in his desire to throw further 'light' on the subject has called for the following from his book of Ancient Rhyms:

Gas may escape and gas may burst
And vanish in noise and flame;
But the meter's hand, in its quiet way,
Goes travelling onward, day by day,
And goes there just the same!

Alleged Theft.

Yesterday a European hired a chair, after having a number of drinks, and started off for a chair ride round Hongkong. Being overcome by the effects of the liquor he slumbered, and when he woke, some hours later, he dismissed the coolies. When he engaged the chair he had \$125 in his pocket, he says, but he afterwards discovered he had been robbed. Where he had been robbed he could not say, but he reported the matter to the police. The particulars he gave were very vague, and small hope is entertained of tracing the thieves or the money. It is hardly to be expected that the thief will be caught, for if people will get under the influence of liquor and lie down or sleep in out-of-the-way corners they place themselves in the way of being robbed.

It is nearly time they grew more enlightened and did not waste the time of the police with reports such as the above. It is not for the chair coolies or the police, chiefly the Police.

Mission Work in Paochingfu.

The Paochingfu correspondent of the N.-C. Daily News writes as follows of Mission work in the north:—Mission work has been extending fairly rapidly both north and south of the city. In this latter direction some rather violent opposition has been encountered. Bands of men operating under some real or supposed foreign protection have been making themselves a terror to hundreds of defenceless villagers. 'We have another Emperor who lives in Rome' is defiantly given by these rioters as their warrant for pillage, and arson. Their power for evil rests not so much in their numbers as in their having so many firearms that they are feared by the regular soldiers. A week or more since, some 30 warrants for arrest had been issued, but the runners did not dare to arrest. If there were any real and evident authority opposed to these enemies of society, we should not hesitate to term this a rebellion. But where there should be authority, there appears little more than shadow.

A Forged Note.

A Japanese, Aizo Shimizu, went into Cheung Wo's shop in Wanchai Road on Saturday night and selected a box, for which he offered \$1. After the usual bargaining the box was sold, and the Japanese tendered a \$5 note in payment. As the shopkeeper had no change, Shimizu left the shop, taking the key of the box with him, and saying he would call for the box and his change later on. The note was sent to a money changer, who said that it was bad, and refused to change it. Cheung Wo took the note to No. 2 Police Station, and returned to wait for Shimizu. About nine p.m. Shimizu went back to the shop and asked for the box and four dollars change. As he entered Cheung Wo sent for the police, but Shimizu dashed out of the shop and sped down the street. He was followed by Cheung Wo's folks, who shouted as they ran. Sergt. Cashman heard the noise, and joined in the hunt, catching the Japanese a few streets further on.

At the Magistrate's day Aizo Shimizu appeared before Mr T. Sercombe Smith charged with uttering a note purporting to be a \$5 bill on the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, well knowing same to have been forged.

Mr John Hays (of Messrs Johnson, Stokes, and Master) appeared for the defence and applied for a short remand in order to converse with the accused.

This being granted, Mr Hays retired with Shimizu, and his return announced his withdrawal from the case.

Accused pleaded he did not know the note was forged, but admitted giving it to the shopkeeper.

He was committed to take his trial at the next Court of Criminal Sessions.

Dangerous.

The greatest danger from colds and influenza is their tendency to result in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. It will cure a cold or an attack of influenza in less time than other treatment. Hoarseness in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 14th at 11.15a. The barometer has risen over S. Japan, and at Wladivostok, fallen over the E. coast of China.
A depression is moving Eastwards in the Yangtze Valley and pressure remains low to the N.E. of Japan.
Pressure is high over Manchuria.
Gales from the S. China Sea with light to moderate southerly.
Forecast:—Moderate E. winds; cloudy, some drizzling rain or mist.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The feeling in certain parts of China is that since the Russian have been allowed to retain Manchuria, Great Britain will take Tibet.

Sergeant Wall, of the Detective force, returned to work to-day, after a nine months' visit to England, and Sergeant Ritchie of No. 5 Police Station, also resumed duty after a similar holiday.

The Sin Wan Poo gathers that the total number of Russian forces in Manchuria is 92,870 men of all arms, of which 35,800 are in Shengking, 31,400 in Kirin and 25,600 in Heilungkiang.

'Sercombstances' alter Cases.

The Singapore Free Press is often guilty of punning. It gets one off at the expense of Hongkong's senior magistrate. It says: 'Amongst recent Hongkong sentences by Mr T. Sercombe Smith for one day:—One month's gaol and three hours' stock; three months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks; three months' gaol and three hours' stocks. We want to see this kind of thing applied freely here. A wag might say, however, that the Sercombstances were not the same.

The Importance of Being Earnest.

The attendance at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night was a marked contrast to that of the previous night—the first appearance of the Amateur Dramatic Club in 'The Importance of Being Earnest.' Just as there was an improvement in the attendance, so there was a marked change for the better in the character of the acting. Lieut. Smith and Captain Davidson worked their scenes up splendidly and deserve every credit for their performances. Mrs Hastings was also more happy in her part, and Mrs Fitz-Williams and Mrs Tulloch put more spirit into their work. The same might be said of all the others in the cast, and in fact the effect upon the performers of a full house was striking to a degree. It is to be hoped that a bumper house will be played to tonight when the comedy will be put on for the last time.

A Kindly Hint!

Says a writer in the Singapore Free Press:—A certain Hongkong paper, which is by way of being cutesy, hawsocky, and stained-glass-windowy, informed its congregation—pardon its readers—that 'Mr C. Arthur Pearson, proprietor of the S. James Gazette, has just completed the purchase of seven other English journals.'

'There is no S. James Gazette. There is The S. James Gazette. It quotes the name of a journal, it should struggle to quote correctly, even at the risk of doing offence to its cherished tastes. Let it 'Ess' all the orthography of the Saints as Saints, as it likes, but it should not 'guy' respectable names in this way. But it really doesn't matter very much. What the 'magaz' ecclesiastick' bites it bites shrewdly.

The 'Saturday Review' is awful wrong enough in this way. It has become unreadable.

End of the Allen Case.

Colonel McCoy, Acting Collector of Customs at Manila, has reversed the decision of Collector Shuter with regard to the Allen case. He admits that services of the kind Allen is capable of rendering are not to be found in the Philippines at all. Colonel McCoy has given a quietus to the celebrated case, as when the prosecution and defence agree on the most vital point there is nothing left for the Court to do. Accordingly confidence exists that Allen will be allowed formally to enter the Islands and engage in his occupation without fear of further Governmental interference. This being the case, the object of the Manila merchants' petitions to the Washington government, requesting an amendment to the contract labour law, will have been attained and the necessity for the presentation of the petition to Congress by Governor Taft will have ceased, as a precedent will have been established which thereafter will permit of the entry of skilled accountants and clerks into the Islands.

Kiaochow.

The Kiaochow Budget estimates an income of 505,300 marks from the Colony's own resources in 1904 as compared with 455,000 in 1903 and 350,000 in 1902. The German Treasury is relied on to supply 12,583,000 marks in 1904 as compared with 12,420,000 in 1903 and 12,044,000 in 1902. The ordinary expenditure for 1904 is estimated at 5,361,748 marks—about the same as in the current year—made up as follows:—Civil, M. 1,945,504; Military, M. 2,404,356; miscellaneous, M. 1,972,888. For extraordinary public works the estimated expenditure is:—Harbour, M. 3,473,000; other Public Works, M. 1,784,000; participation in building houses for soldiers, M. 100,000; Afforestation, M. 80,000; Fortification, M. 500,000; Lighthouse, Buoy, &c., M. 4,000; Floating Dock, M. 150,000; Electric Works, M. 220,000; Total, M. 7,097,000 as compared with M. 7,470,000 in 1903.

RUSSIAN AND CHINESE FIGHT.

St. Petersburg, December 9.
Advice received here from Mukden in Manchuria state that the Russian soldiers stationed there have had a fierce fight with a band of Chinese robbers.

The outlaws made a determined stand, being well-armed, and before they were put to flight 90 of their number had been killed outright and many others wounded. Russian casualties, if any, are not mentioned.

COLOMBIAN SOLDIER'S MARCHING.

Colima, December 9.
It is rumored that 3,000 Colombian soldiers have left Cartagena to invade the Republic of Panama and wrest from the new Government government submission to the parent nation from which it seceded several weeks ago. Panama is preparing to defend the isthmus country against any invasion.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
SUPPLIED BY REUTERS, via SOBBAT.

GERMAN ARMY SCANDAL.

EXISTENCE OF CRUELTY ADMITTED.

Strenuous Effort at Suppression.

London, December 12.
The numerous cases of ill-treatment in the German army which have been made public lately have created a discussion in the German Reichstag.

Count Von Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor and Prussian Premier, and General Von Gossler, the Minister for War, have both admitted the existence of the evil, but have declared that it is diminishing and strenuous efforts were being made to entirely suppress it, the necessity for which was recognised by none more than the Kaiser.

[The existence of cruelty in the German army was brought more prominently under public notice by a novel written by Lieutenant Bille, of Metz, than by any other means. In it he made serious reflections against officers, and was promptly arrested. The Court which tried the Lieutenant admitted that the regulations were based upon reality, and the statement, coming from such a source, caused the newspapers to urge the Military authorities to seriously investigate the matter. The novel described the officers as dissolute, and the Colonel of the Regiment as a cowardly Don Juan, who did not dare to face the pistol of a local chemist who was a crack shot. Officers who were cross-examined admitted that what the author of the novel said of the officers was substantially correct. The *Kositzche Zeitung* stated that had Lieut. Bille chosen another method of exposing the appalling conditions of the garrison he would have deserved the gratitude of the army and the Fatherland. For making the regulations Lieut. Bille was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and to dismissal from the Army.—E.O.C.M.]

THE MUTINIOUS SOMALIS.

ONLY ONE DETACHMENT AFFECTED.

London, December 12.
It is understood that the mutiny which was reported to have occurred amongst the Somalis co-operating with the British against the Mullahs, is confined to one detachment.

[In a special cablegram to the *China Mail* on Saturday it was reported that the Somalis had mutinied and joined the Mullahs.—E.O.C.M.]

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

OPENING OF THE JAPANESE DIET.

London, December 11.
The House of Representatives have adopted the reply to the Throne without a division. The reply accuses the Ministry of a temporizing policy at home and a neglect of opportunities abroad. This is regarded as doubly significant because hitherto the reply has only been a formal expression of thanks to the Emperor.

GERMANY AND THE FAR EAST.

Coun. Von Bulow, speaking in the Reichstag, said there was no part of the globe in which Germany was so fully concerned as Manchuria, and that all risk of complications there were excluded as far as Germany was concerned. Germany's policy there was circumspect and as peaceful as possible. If however, Germany was involved in a conflict it would not be her fault. Referring to Socialist attacks in Russia, Coun. von Bulow said he would not allow himself to be deterred from cherishing most assiduously good relations between Germany and Russia.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

A marked discrepancy continues in the reports from St. Petersburg and Tokio, but it is worthy of note that Japanese Stocks are rising to-day in London and on the Continent. Declarations from St. Petersburg are most pacific.

H.M.S. 'FLORA.'

H. M. S. *Flora* has been successfully refuelled.

THE FIRE AT SANDRINGHAM.

The Hon. Miss Knolly, who was occupying the bedroom underneath the Queen's, awoke at 5 a.m. and finding the room filled with smoke, hurried around (hurriedly alarmed) the Queen. Both rushed out, attired only in their dressing gowns, and had only just reached the staircase when the floor of Her Majesty's bedroom collapsed. The fire is attributed to an electric wire igniting a beam in the Hon. Miss Knolly's room, from which it spread to the floor joists. The fire was confined to two rooms. The King who was on a visit to Lord Iveagh previously received a reassuring message from the Queen.

[MANILA CABLENEWS SERVICE.]

RUSSIAN AND CHINESE FIGHT.

St. Petersburg, December 9.
Advice received here from Mukden in Manchuria state that the Russian soldiers stationed there have had a fierce fight with a band of Chinese robbers.

The outlaws made a determined stand, being well-armed, and before they were put to flight 90 of their number had been killed outright and many others wounded. Russian casualties, if any, are not mentioned.

COLOMBIAN SOLDIER'S MARCHING.

Colima, December 9.
It is rumored that 3,000 Colombian soldiers have left Cartagena to invade the Republic of Panama and wrest from the new Government government submission to the parent nation from which it seceded several weeks ago. Panama is preparing to defend the isthmus country against any invasion.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
SUPPLIED BY REUTERS, via SOBBAT.

GOVERNOR OF THE STRAITS.

SIR F. A. SWETTENHAM RESIGNS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SINGAPORE, December 14.
Sir Frank A. Swettenham, K.C.M.G., Governor of the Straits Settlements, is resigning his office.
The resignation will take effect from January 12, 1904.

CANTON-SAMSHUI RAILWAY.

SERIOUS COOLIE RIOT.

Railway Workshop Burned Down.

SEVERAL CHINESE KILLED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, Dec. 14, 9.55 a.m.
A serious riot occurred yesterday amongst the coolies employed on the Canton-Samshui Railway.

The riot broke out at Chai-Bin, on the Futsan Samshui section, about four miles west of Fatsan. It started because certain men to whom the coolies objected had been employed, and spread to the Chinese not in the employ, and soon several thousands of infuriated coolies attacked the railway works, burned down the blacksmith's and carpenter's shops, looted a large quantity of material, and ransacked the houseboats on which the foreign engineers and gangers are lodged.

The railway guard did what they could to stem the riot, but assistance had to be telegraphed for from Canton.

A special train was run from Shek-wai-tong to Fatsan with a strong force of soldiers, who quickly dispersed the rioters.

Several Chinese were killed.
Order has been restored, and work was resumed to-day as usual.

[H.K. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.]

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Tokyo, December 10.
The Emperor opened the Diet in the forenoon.

In his speech he said that the amity between Japan and the Treaty Powers was constantly increasing.

He directed his Ministers to deal prudently with the international negotiations designed for the preservation of the peace of the East, and the rights of the Empire.

The reply of the Lower House was that at this critical juncture the diplomacy of the Cabinet was improper as well as its financial arrangements. Their temporizing and their want of reason invited adverse criticism even within the Diet.

Russia's answer is very shortly expected. Five of the Russian men-of-war leave Chemulpo to-day, one being left there.

THE LEPROS OF CANTON.

Hundreds Suffering from Want.

Dr. Andrew Beattie, under date Canton, Dec. 11, writes us as follows:—I have been asked to state more definitely the immediate wants of the lepers referred to in the short appeal I sent a few days ago. I shall gladly do this, and I am very glad that there are some friends of these afflicted and suffering people who are sending help. First, there are about 1,000 lepers in the village and these are in all stages of the disease. Some are without fingers, others without toes. Some can walk with difficulty, while others show little traces of the disease. In addition to the above, there are several hundred descendants of lepers living in the village. Most of these show no traces of the disease. These latter can work and earn their own living. But the 1,000 lepers are wholly dependent on charity. The local government provides 600 out of the 1,800 with three cents each per day. This money is the interest on some funds subscribed several years ago by some Chinese. Now these three cents do not buy much food, and go a very little way in providing rice for the persons who receive it. The unfortunate 400 must beg all their food and clothes and the other 600 must beg to supplement the government grant of three cents. The increase in the cost of food has affected the lepers in two ways. They receive less in charity and the money buys less. When the cold weather comes, the lepers cannot move about to beg and they suffer accordingly. Now out of this 100 at the present time not four-fifths can get one good meal each day. They have no meat, little vegetables and less fish. The second meal consists of the rice left from the morning meal boiled into a kind of congee. The clothes of most of them are of the poorest. Many are without shoes and their bodies covered with only some light cotton garment. With the money already received I have bought a quantity of sweet potatoes and some wadded garments. In this way a great deal of suffering has been relieved and the lepers appreciate what is being done for them. I can only repeat what I said in my last letter. These 100 lepers are suffering from want of food and clothes and help must be given or the suffering will increase and many will die from cold and hunger this winter.

I should say that there is no mission society supporting this work, nor is help confined to those connected with the mission work. All are helped according to their need and for no other reason.

[We would draw the attention of generous readers to the fact that the only subscription forwarded to us on behalf of the lepers will be acknowledged in the *China Mail* and forwarded to Dr. Beattie. We have already received the following:

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FOOTBALL.

AMPHITRITE V. HONGKONG F.C.
On Saturday afternoon the Association team from H.M.S. Amphitrite defeated the Hongkong F.C. by one goal to nil. The teams were as follows:—H.K.F.C.: Kew, goal; Austin and Aucutt, backs; Gray, Forester and McDermid, halves; Williams, Bunt, Cooper, Whitmore, and Danby, forwards. Amphitrite: Sprout, goal; Parker and Hasking, backs; Pagge, Wright and Davidson, halves; Kendrick, Connolly, Liley, Clarridge, and Webster, forwards. Referee, Mr. Broadbent.

Cooper kicked off for the Club, and before long the Naval men were attacking. Williams, for the Club, soon after led an advance, which, however, failed to accomplish any score, and almost immediately after Danby shot but missed. The Club were now on attacking, but the Naval men broke away, and sent a stiff one in, but Kew saved for the Club. Returning to the attack the Amphitrite team pressed and Liley was successful in beating Kew, and scored. The Naval men kept up the attack, but did not score again before half time was sounded.

After the interval the Amphitrite team still attacked, and the game was very exciting. All the play was confined to the Club's goal, but sterling defence play saved the Club again and again. The Club managed to clear and raised the hopes of their supporters by a dash down the field, only to be sent back again by a long kick. The game finished without further scoring. For the Amphitrite Sprout was goal in goal, Parker and Hasking played safe games, while the whole of the forwards, without being overburdened in any one position, played dashing, fast games. For the Club Austin, Aucutt, Danby and Kew were about the pick, but although the team displayed good combination in the first half, they seemed to fall away in the second half, while the Amphitrite played with vigour throughout.

KWANGSI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
KUEILIN, November 27.
WEATHER AND MUTINY.
The winter has now properly begun. There was snow on the Peak this morning. Mutton also was on sale for the first time to-day, though I do not suppose there was any connection between the two events. We had a very cold snap a few weeks ago, but it did not last. The thermometer then fell from 30 degrees on Monday night to 25 on Wednesday morning.

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTERFERENCE.

For the last week the whole city has been much excited over a case in which the Roman Catholics are implicated. As nearly as I can find out, the facts are as follows:—Some months ago the Governor put out a proclamation forbidding the sale of firearms. This had reference to the rebellion. A man named Lin, a leading watch and clock merchant in the city, was then arrested for storing and selling stolen government rifles or receiving them. At that time the R. O. Pro-Prefet Renault is said to have taken up his case, and he was liberated. This seems to have had the effect of making Mr. Lin more daring, for he seems to have been at the business again. A few days ago telegraphic order came from the Viceroy ordering the arrest and I suppose the execution of Mr. Lin. As soon as he was arrested he appealed for protection from the Romanists. As far as evidence goes he is a member of that communion, though it is said they have lent him money. Whatever the exact truth may be the Romanists have been using every means to save him. All sorts of stories are current as to how the Pro-Prefet said to the different officials and the threats he used. Large sums are said to have been demanded in compensation. But to all this there has been a deaf ear, for the Governor has been approached, too. The result will show. Anyway the feelings of the populace have been much aroused. One often hears of similar proceedings in other parts of the province, but only in the North and South, especially when directed against the French. But the present one of a really diabolical character is the first one that has come under my own observation.

NEWS FROM KWANGSI WITHOUT SOME THING ABOUT THE REBELLION WOULD HARDLY BE CONSIDERED PROPER.

As far as Kueilin is concerned one would not know that any rebellion was on, except it be that troops now and then arrive from the North and are posted to the South. But that something is on is evident, in spite of the multitude of yarns that find their way into the papers under the title of 'The So-called Rebellion!' The rebels posted a placard in Kueilin some time back offering Ts 10,000 for H. E. Viceroy Tseng's head. The fact that the Government are sending such large bodies of troops, looks as if they have a real fear of what may grow to. The new command-in-chief, Hsin-shan, has arrived on the other day, coming overland from Hunan. With reference to this overland journey I see it is reported in the papers

